

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A digital apparatus for reproducing a digital
2 video representative signal stored on a recorded medium connected to a receiving
3 device including a decoder, said apparatus comprising:

4 means for processing said digital video representative signal stored on the
5 recorded medium to produce at an output a compressed digital video signal bit
6 stream for decoding by the decoder;

7 a generator generating a status message signal indicative of an operating
8 mode of said apparatus; and,

9 a display message combiner having a first input coupled to said status
10 message signal and a second input receiving a video signal decoded from said
11 compressed digital video signal bit stream, said combiner combining said status
12 message signal with said decoded video signal for display, wherein the status
13 message signal is synchronized for display with the decoded video signal.

1 2. (ORIGINAL) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein said status message
2 generator is responsive to a tape timer or time code signal.

1 3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein
2 generation of said status message signal by said status message generator is in
3 response to receipt of a user generated command signal.

1 4. (ORIGINAL) The digital apparatus of claim 3, further comprising an infrared
2 receiver connected to said status message generator for receiving an infrared signal
3 from a remote control unit, said infrared signal controlling the operating mode of said
4 apparatus.

1 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A receiving device receiving and decoding
2 compressed digital video signals, said receiver device comprising:

3 a receiving means for receiving and selecting between a first compressed
4 digital video signal from a network source and a second compressed digital video
5 signal and a display message data signal from a local source;

6 a decoder coupled to said receiving means for decoding said selected one of
7 said first and second compressed digital signals to form a video signal;

control means coupled to said receiving means for controlling selection between said first and second compressed digital video signals, and responsive to selection of said second compressed digital video signal, receiving said display message data signal; and

means for combining a stored display message signal representative of ~~formed from~~ said display message data signal with said video signal decoded from said second compressed digital video signal to generate a combined video signal for display.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The receiving device of claim 5, wherein said second compressed digital television signal is reproduced from a digital recorder.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The receiving device of claim 5, wherein said local source is a digital reproduction apparatus and said display message data signal is a recorder status message represents an operating mode of said digital reproduction apparatus.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The receiving device of claim 5, further comprising delay means connected to said control means for delaying transmission of said message data signal to said means for combining.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The receiving device of claim 5, wherein said receiver selects between said first compressed digital video signal and second compressed digital video signal responsive a user generated command signal.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The receiving device of claimed in claim 9, further comprising an infrared receiver connected to said control means for receiving an infrared signal from a remote control unit, said infrared signal controlling selection between said first compressed digital video signal and second compressed digital video signal.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a delay element, connected to said status message generator, for delaying transmission of said status message signal to said display message combiner.

1 12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The digital apparatus of claim 14, further
2 comprising a delay element, connected to said status message generator, for
3 delaying transmission of a signal requesting said status message to generate said
4 status message signal ~~wherein said delay element provides a delay equal to a~~
5 ~~decoding time of the decoder to thereby synchronize said message signal with said~~
6 ~~decoded video signal for display.~~

1 13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein
2 said compressed digital video signal bit stream includes a plurality of frames, and
3 said display message combiner combines said status message signal with a first one
4 of video frames decoded from said plurality of frames of said compressed digital
5 video signal bit stream.

1 14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 13, wherein
2 when said status message signal is generated, a second one of the decoded frames,
3 other than the first one of the decoded frames, is available for combining.

1 15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 13, wherein
2 said status message generator delays generation of the status message signal to
3 compensate a decoding time of the first one of the decoded frames.

1 16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 15, wherein
2 when said status message generator is signaled to generate said status message
3 signal, a second one of the decoded frames, other than the first one of the decoded
4 frames, is available for combining.

1 17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 1, further
2 comprising a delay element, connected to said status message generator, for
3 delaying generation of said status message signal.

1 18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 17, wherein
2 said delay element provides a delay to compensate a decoding time of the decoder
3 to thereby synchronize said message signal with said decoded video signal for
4 display.

1 19. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 13, herein said generator generates
2 said status message signal in response to a signal and said status message signal is

3 displayed at least one frame period after said signal has been received by said
4 generator.

1 20. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 19, herein said status message
2 signal is displayed at least one frame period after said status message signal has
3 been generated.